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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, MU

SUBJECT: USN HELO FLIGHT IN OMAN AIR DEFENSE AREA

REFS: (A) MUSCAT 1161/DTG 030605Z AUG 77  
(B) DOD FLIGHT INFORMATION PUBLICATION (ENROUTE) SUPPLE-  
MENT EUROPE, AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST (EFFECTIVE EDITION)  
PASEP

1. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFIED REFTEL A WAS IN FACT USN HELICOPTER  
FROM USS LASALLE (AGF-1).
2. ENTRY OF AIRCRAFT INTO INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE CONTAINED  
WITHIN DHOFAR AIR DEFENSE IDENTIFICATION ZONE (ADIZ) WAS  
UNINTENTIONAL. FOR THAT REASON ESTABLISHED FLIGHT  
NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES WERE NOT PROVIDED SULTANATE OF OMAN  
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AIR FORCE (SOAF) AS PRESCRIBED REF B. A COPY OF REF B  
IS BEING POUCHED. AS NOTED IN REFTEL A, AIRCRAFT WAS NOT  
WITHIN OMANI CLAIMED 12 MI TERRITORIAL SEA OR THE US  
RECOGNIZED 3 MI TERRITORIAL SEA.

3. DO NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO DEVELOP NEW METHOD OF  
DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN SOAF AND USN AS SUGGESTED REFTEL A

IN LIGHT OF PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED REF B, PERTINENT  
EXTRACTS OF WHICH ARE QUOTED BELOW:

A. QUOTE. FLIGHT NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES: ALL AIRCRAFT  
INTENDING TO PENETRATE THE ADIZ ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN  
AIR DEFENSE CLEARANCE. FLIGHT NOTIFICATION IS TO REACH  
SOAF AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF ETA ADIZ BOUNDARY.  
UNQUOTE. (MAILING ADDRESS AND COMMERCIAL TELEX  
ADDRESS PROVIDED.)

B. QUOTE. FLIGHT PLAN: A FLIGHT PLAN MUST BE FILED  
WITH AN OMAN AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE UNIT NOT LESS THAN 30  
MINUTES BEFORE ETA ADIZ BOUNDARY FOR ANY FLIGHT WHICH ALL  
OR PART WILL BE CONDUCTED WITHIN THE ADIZ. UNQUOTE.

C. QUOTE. POSITION REPORTS: TWO WAY COMMUNICATIONS  
MUST BE ESTABLISHED WITH SALALAH OR THAMARIT ATC ON VHF  
OR UHF AT LEAST FIVE MINUTES PRIOR TO ADIZ ENTRY. IN THE  
EVENT THAT COMMUNICATIONS CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED OR ARE  
LOST, AIRCRAFT ARE TO PROCEED AS PER FLIGHT PLAN AND BE  
PREPARED FOR INTERCEPTIONS. UNQUOTE.

D. INSTRUCTIONS GO ON TO STATE THAT WHEN ESTABLISHED  
ADIZ IS PENETRATED WITHOUT NOTIFICATION, EITHER  
UNINTENTIONALLY (AS WAS PRESENT CASE) OR UNDER URGENT  
OPERATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, PILOTS UNDERSTAND THEY ARE  
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LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD DISCUSS INCIDENT WITH FOREIGN  
MINISTER DRAWING ON INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE NOTING THAT:

A. ENTRY INTO DHOFAR ADIZ WAS UNINTENTIONAL;

B. USG HAS TAKEN PRECAUTIONS WHICH SHOULD PREVENT REOCCUR-  
RENCE OF ACCIDENTAL PENETRATION; AND

C. NEW METHOD OF DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN SOAF AND USN  
SUGGESTED REFTEL A NOT CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN LIGHT OF  
ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES.  
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